BOMBAY COURIER
EXTRAORDINARY.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following Regulation II of 1826.

A. D. 1826. REGULATION II.

A REGULATION *for punishing the receipt of Bribes by Officers employed in the Collection of Sea Customs, and the gift or offer of the same.*—PASSED *by the Governor in Council on the 5th of August* 1826, *corresponding with the 2d of Sharavun Sood Sumbut or Vikramajit* 1882, *Salbaham* 1748, *and 30th of Zilhuz* 1241 *of Hijree.*

Preamble. WHEREAS it has been deemed expedient, for the protection of the revenue derived from Sea Customs, and the prevention of fraud and correction in that department, that severe penalties should be denounced against the receipt of Bribes by Officers employed in the collection of Sea Customs, as also against the receipt or offer of a Bribe by any person to any such Officer, the following rules have therefore been enacted, to have effect from the date of their promulgation.

Custom House Officers liable for bribery to forfeit Rupees 4,000,

II.—*First.*—Any Officer employed in the collection of Sea Customs, who shall receive, directly or indirectly, any Present or Bribe for the neglect or non-performance of any part of his official duty, shall for every such offence forfeit a sum not exceeding Rupees (4,000) Four Thousand.

as also persons giving or offering them a bribe.

Second.—Any person who shall give, or offer, or promise to give, any Present or Bribe to any Officer employed in the collection of Sea Customs, for the neglect or non-performance of any part of his official duty, shall also for every such offence forfeit a sum not exceeding Rupees (4,000) Four Thousand.

Offenders how tried, forfeitures how levied within the Supreme Court's Jurisdiction and beyond it.

III.—The forfeitures specified in the preceding Section, shall, within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Bombay, be recoverable in the said Supreme Court by information there exhibited by the Advocate General, or other principal law officer of this Presidency, and beyond the Supreme Court's jurisdiction the said offences shall be tried, and the assigned forfeitures adjudged and levied by the Criminal Court of the Zilla; and an offender convicted before the Zilla Court shall be sentenced to imprisonment, without labour, for a period not exceeding five years, in case the forfeiture is not sooner paid.

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